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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/732,627  
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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules  
Associated with Plants**  
Inventor: Karen L. FINCHER  
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
2. a Return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicant requests that the \$320.00 fee for filing a notice of appeal be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.001/51770B.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicant does not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.001/51770B. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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